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REGION 7

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If you haven't heard me say it before, I'll say it again – It is an EXCITING time to be civil engineer and an EXCITING time to be an ASCE member! What a transformation we're taking as we shift our way of thinking as a civil engineering community. We are forward thinking. We are Sustainable. We are reimagining our built world and our ASCE!

I'm still energized by what took place at our Student Symposia this past spring – hosted by the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY for the [Rocky Mountain Symposium](#) and the [Mid-America Symposium](#) hosted by Missouri University of Science & Technology (S&T) and Missouri State in Rolla, MO. Our Region 7 students, faculty advisors and volunteers pushed to new levels, our teams and our individuals achieving new goals and setting out to try new events. We're so THANKFUL for our sponsors – these events are incredibly impactful to offset travel costs, material costs, and help our students to focus on what is important: learning and growing as a young engineer, developing leadership and teamwork skills, and creating bigger and better infrastructure. All our events are designed to tap these students to be their best, and employers are noticing the return on this investment! Next time a request for support lands itself in your hands, I encourage you to ask our students how your investment (both financially, and by supporting their involvement) is impacting their learning agility, and how they are developing adaptability as an engineer by participating.

And while we may not have enjoyed the bitter and record-breaking cold in Kansas City this past January for the [2024 Multi-Regional Leadership Conference](#) (MRLC), we may be thinking that icebox would be a nice change of pace for the heat and humidity this summer. Planning is already underway for the 2025 MRLC in Cleveland, Ohio from February 28th through March 1st. Our dynamic [Central Region Younger Members Council](#) (CRYMC) are already working hard to make this another memorable event.

Our Region 7 Assembly is hosted by the [St. Louis Section](#) this year on the beautiful campus of

[Saint Louis University](#) through August 16-17th. I was recently transported through Facebook Memories to my first Region 7 Assembly in Colorado Springs nine years ago. I was so darned excited to be the South Dakota Delegate. It was my first step out of state leadership of any kind. I had no idea the impact that journey to Colorado Springs would have on me. I'm eternally grateful for this tipping point in my ASCE leadership! I'm humbled by the transformations and challenges I've been able to overcome and blessed for the diverse leaders (aka. Change-Makers) I now call friends at ASCE. Thank you, Robert Stevens (past Society President) and Jay Burress (past Region 7 Director) for your leadership and guidance all those years ago, and to all the Region 7 Governors and Directors along the way. And, I'm looking forward to Society President Marsia "Marsie" Geldert-Murphey, P.E., F.ASCE and our Region Governors who will help me to promote the next decade of leaders at an event that has had so much impact on me. I'm looking forward to providing this same opportunity and potential to 16 new Delegates!

All our members are important as we move forward in the world today. I challenge you to ask yourself how you are making a difference in the built environment, do you have the capacity for more, and where can ASCE lead you tomorrow? Reach out to myself or your designated Governor...we are happy to point out a new opportunity and engage in a new conversation. What can we do for you?

Thank you,
Erin Steever, PE_{SD}, ENV SP, M.ASCE
ASCE Region 7 Director



Congratulations to Marsha Bomar for being elected as the 2025-2026 Society President!



This year's Region Assembly will be in St. Louis August 16th and 17th. Section and Branch leaders will gather with Governors to share local successes and challenges as we plan activities for the upcoming year.



CU-Denver students at the University of Wyoming site of the Rocky Mountain Student Symposium. *"To be ready for the competition new year, we took a field trip to the University of Wyoming where ASCE hosted the Steel Bridge competition this year. We cannot wait to compete in the next one!"*



Society President Marsia Geldert-Murphy visits the ASCE Student Chapter at South Dakota State University.



The Nebraska ASCE Section held the 2024 annual banquet this past Tuesday to celebrate and reflect on another successful year. Several members were recognized for their involvements within the organization including students, life members, and officers (see full list of recipients below). Erin Steever, PE, Region 7 Director, led the installation of new officers for the 2024-25 year. The

event wrapped-up with past president, Andrew Eisenbraun, passing his role onto Sam Allen.

Nebraska ASCE is looking forward to another eventful year of providing professional development and industry networking opportunities! #networking #event #development

- University of Nebraska at Omaha Outstanding Senior - JP Aurit
- University of Nebraska at Lincoln Outstanding Senior - Noah Netzel
- Outstanding Service to Section - Chris Podany & Morgan McCullough
- Life Membership Recognition - Christopher Neale, Thomas Gorman, Douglas Clemetson, Loras Klostermann, David Nusz, Anthony Kessler
- Inducted Officers – Sam Allen (President), Pavel Karamshin (President-Elect), James Johnson (Secretary), Jack Wilke (Treasurer), Chris Podany, Josh Keithley & Braden Labenz (Younger Member Co-Chairs), Marie Stamm & Mike Sklenar (Directors)



From Ronald Knoche's LinkedIn post:
Miron Construction Co., Inc., RDG Planning & Design and Jay Goodin thank you for the tour of the University of Iowa Health Sciences Academic Building Project and presenting the University of Iowa Health Care 10-Year Facility Masterplan to the American Society of Civil Engineers Iowa Section, Eastern Iowa YMG and the University of Iowa Student Chapter. ASCE Region 7 The University of Iowa - College of Engineering

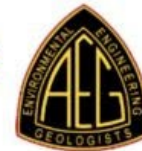


From the ASCE Kansas Section LinkedIn page:
ASCE Kansas Section is a proud supporter of the Kansas Transportation conference. Stop by our booth to join, talk about upcoming events or meet with ASCE members like Section President Jim Ubert, P.E.



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From Sebastian Lobo-Guerrero's LinkedIn page:

Kansas City us April 12: awesome to be part of the speakers for this event! Geo-Institute of ASCE / ASCE Kansas City Section / ASCE Kansas Section / American Society of Civil

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